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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- 1. The Kwangtung Military Control Commission has accepted the advice of Soviet military adviser No-erh () that fortification of the Wanshan Islands (which include all non-British islands in the mouth of the Fearl River and vicinity) must precede the fortification of Boca Tigris.
- 2. Following are indications of the Communist estimate of the importance of taking and holding this area:
 - a. On 24 June 1950, before the fall of Outer Lingting, TENG Hua, with 30 high-ranking Communists and 10 Soviet advisers, visited Inner Lingting.
 - b. At the beginning of July the Communists were using fishing boats to move troops and heavy guns from Talin (113-16, 22-06) and Hengchin (113-30, 22-07) Islands to reenforce the small outer islands.
 - c. The Communists are beginning to organize fishermen, who were previously ignored, for an active defense of the Kwangtung sea coast and to deprive the guerrillas of their aid.
 - d. in early July, one company of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi (K-K) Column replaced a rural self-defense corps on Santsao (113-22, 22-02), which is guarded by anti-aircraft guns.
 - In mid-July, the 2 artillery Battalion installed 18 artillery pieces on Tawanshan (113-43, 21-56), Chuchou (113-47, 21-59), Tungao (113-42, 22-01) and Outer Lingting.
 - f. Large quantities of construction materials, such as cement and steel, were shipped from Huangpu to the islands.
 - g. In mid-July, 500 civilian laborers were hired by the Kwangtung Building and Construction Company on government order and sent to the islands.

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- h On 13 July, HUNG Hsueh-chih (洪 學), TSENG Sheng, No-erh and 30 others inspected the islands and left Soviet technicians to supervise construction work.
- i. The islands' garrison of 3,000 comprises the 1 Independent Regiment of the K-K Column under Li Ching-fu (富 經 夫) and the 3 Regiment under TSENG Ping-wen (富 城 文), plus the 1 and 3 Special Detachments, which are made up of captured Nationalist troops.